

Surah 65 Surah Talaq

DIVORCE

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TALAAQ AND SURAH TAGHAABUN

Surah Talaq finds its link in the concluding verses of *Surah Taghaabun*, in which certain injunctions to reform conditions are mentioned. When the Muslims are able to reform their mutual relationship, only then will they be united to fight the *Kuffaar*. *Surah Talaq* promotes personal reform within Muslims so that domestic problems do not lead to enmity and disputes, thereby weakening the Muslims when they need to fight against the *Kuffaar*.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This *Surah* makes mention of the following:

- * Certain laws pertaining to divorce (*Talaq*).
- * Laws regarding maintenance and accommodation of the divorced woman.
- * Warnings of punishment in this world.
- * Glad tidings.
- * A logical proof to substantiate belief in *Towheed*.

سُوْرَةُ الطَّلَاقِ مِثْلُ وَهِيَ ثَلَاثُ عَشْرَةَ آيَةً وَفِيهَا الْكُوفَةُ
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلِّقُوهُنَّ لِعَدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ لَا تُخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ
بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُبَيِّنَةٍ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ
نَفْسَهُ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُحْدِثُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا ①

1. O Nabi ﷺ (and all Muslim husbands) ! When you wish to divorce your wives, then divorce them before their Iddah (before their menstruation, that is during a period of purity) and (meticulously) count (calculate the period of) the Iddah (so that its expiry is known). Fear Allaah your Rabb. Do not turn them (divorced women) out of their homes (the husband is obliged to provide a home for her for the period of her Iddah) and neither should they leave by themselves unless they commit open indecency (such as adultery or theft, in which case the woman will be removed from her home to receive the penalty). These are the limits set by Allaah. Whoever transgresses (trespasses) Allaah's limits has certainly oppressed his soul (because he is subjecting himself to punishment). (The injunctions of the Shari'ah should be observed during divorce proceedings because) You do not know whether Allaah may later bring something new to pass (after the divorce, such as reconciliation. In such a case, transgressing the laws of the Shari'ah will sour relations after reconciliation).

فَإِذَا بَلَغَنَّ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ فَارِقُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَأَشْهِدُوا ذَوَى عَدْلٍ مِنْكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ
ذَلِكَ يُوَعِّظُ بِهِ مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ②

2. So when they (divorced women) have reached close to completing their Iddah, then either keep them (as your wives) in good faith (without the intention of harming her or divorcing her again so that she has to pass another Iddah) or separate from them in good faith (without causing her any difficulty). (It is best to) Make two reliable persons witness (when you either take her back or separate from her) and (the witnesses should) establish the testimony for (the pleasure of) Allaah (without demanding payment). It is with this (advice) that the one who believes in Allaah and the Last Day is advised. Allaah shall create an escape (from difficulties) for the one who fears (disobeying) Allaah (one who has Taqwa)...

وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا ③

3. ...and shall provide for him (what he requires) from sources from which he never

expected (to receive provisions.) **Allaah is Sufficient** (to solve all problems) **for the one who trusts in Him** (who is convinced that only Allaah can assist him). (Allaah can certainly solve any problem a person has because) **Allaah certainly brings (all) His affairs to completion** (as He wills) **and Allaah has set a measure for everything.** (Therefore, things happen when He wills them. A person who trusts in Allaah knows that Allaah will solve his problems when Allaah decides that the time is right.)

وَالَّذِي يَتُوسَّلُ مِنَ الْحَبِطِ مَنْ نَسَاكُمْ إِنْ أَتَيْتُمْ فَعِدَّتُهُمْ ثَلَاثَةَ أَشْهُرٍ وَالَّذِي كَمْ يَحْضُنُّ وَأُولَاتُ الْأَحْمَالِ أَجَلُهُنَّ أَنْ يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا ④

4. If you are in doubt about (the duration of the Iddah of) **those women who have lost hope of menstruating** (who have passed menopause), **then their Iddah and the Iddah of those women who do not menstruate at all shall be three** (lunar) **months.** **The duration** (of the Iddah) **of pregnant women shall be** (expire) **when they deliver.** **Allaah shall create ease in the affair** (in all the duties and concerns of this world and the Akhirah) **of the one who fears Him** (the one who has Taqwa).

ذَلِكَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ أَنْزَلَهُ إِلَيْكُمْ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَكْفِرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَيُعْظِمْ لَهُ أَجْرًا ⑤

5. This (all that has passed) **is Allaah's command that He has revealed to you.** **For the one who fears Allaah, Allaah shall cancel** (forgive) **his sins and grant him an immense reward.**

أَسْكَنُوهُنَّ مِنْ حَيْثُ سَلَّمْتُمْ مِنْ بُحْدِكُمْ وَلَا تَنْضَاؤُهُنَّ لِتَضَيَّقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ وَإِنْ كُنَّ أُولَاتٍ حَمْلٍ فَأَنْفِقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ حَتَّى يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ فَإِنْ أَرْضَعْنَ لَكُمْ فَاتَوْهُنَّ أَجْرَهُنَّ وَاتِمُّوا بَيْنَكُمْ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَإِنْ تَعَاَسَرْتُمُ فَمَنْ تَضَعُ لَهَا الْآخَرَى ⑥

6. According to your means, house them (your ex-wives during the Iddah) **where you house yourselves and do not harm them** (in any way) **with intent to pressurise them** (into leaving the house. Of course, the couple cannot live together if the divorce is not Raj'ee). **If they** (your wives) **are expecting, then** (you are obliged to) **provide for them** (maintain and house them) **until they deliver.** **If** (after the child is born) **they** (your ex-wives are prepared to) **suckle** (the child) **for you, then pay them their dues** (a fair wage) **and consult with each other** (concerning the wage) **in a befitting manner** (so that the amount is neither too much for the father nor too little for the mother). (However,) **If each one** (father and mother) **makes matters difficult for the other, then another woman may suckle the child.**

لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِنْ سَعَتِهِ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُنْفِقْ مِمَّا آتَاهُ اللَّهُ لَا يَكُلِفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا سَيَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا ⑦

7. The wealthy person (man) **should spend** (pay maintenance for his ex-wife during her Iddah and for his child) **according to his means.** **As for the one whose means are restricted, he should spend from what Allaah has given him** (as much as he can afford). **Allaah does not burden a**

soul with more than He has given it. (No one is required to spend beyond his means.) Allaah shall soon create ease after difficulty. (When a person spends in good causes, he should never fear that his wealth will diminish.)

وَكَايْنٍ مِّنْ قَرْيَةٍ عَتَتْ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهَا وَرُسُلِهِ فَحَاسِبْنَاهَا حِسَابًا شَدِيدًا وَعَذَّبْنَاهَا عَذَابًا تُنْكِرًا ۝٨

8. Many were the towns that rebelled (arrogantly) against the commands of their Rabb and of His Rusul, so We severely took them to task and meted out (inflicted) an admonishing punishment to them.

فَذَاقَتْ وَبَالَ أَمْرِهَا وَكَانَ عَاقِبَةُ أَمْرِهَا خُسْرًا ۝٩

9. (Thus) They tasted the consequences of their doings (actions) and the end result of their actions was a total loss.

عَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا أَفَأَنْقَضُوا اللَّهَ يَأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَدْ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ ذِكْرًا ۝١٠

10. Allaah prepared a severe punishment for them. So fear Allaah O intelligent (wise) ones who have Imaan. Allaah has certainly revealed a Reminder (the Qur'aan) to you (so that you guard yourselves from making the same mistakes that the previous nations made).

رَسُولًا يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ مُبَيِّنَاتٍ لِّيُخْرِجَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا قَدْ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَهُ رِزْقًا ۝١١

11. And (Allaah has also sent to you) a Rasool ﷺ who recites Allaah's clear Aayaat (verses of the Qur'aan) to you to remove the Mu'mineen who do good deeds from darkness (sin, ignorance, kufr) and to bring them into light (obedience, knowledge, Imaan). Whoever believes in Allaah and does good deeds, Allaah shall enter him into Jannaat beneath which rivers flow. There they shall live forever. Allaah has appointed a most excellent provision for him.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ۝١٢

12. It is Allaah Who created the seven heavens and the earth in a like manner (in seven layers). He sends commands between them (between the heavens and the earths) so that you may know that Allaah has power over all things and that Allaah's knowledge encompasses everything.